

**LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE  
ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

**Thursday, January 17, 2008**

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland  
Vice Mayor Dave Cortese, City of Oakland, ABAG Immediate Past President  
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo, ABAG Vice President  
Vice Mayor Surlene Grant, City of San Leandro  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda,  
Councilmember Kasie Hildenbrand, City of Dublin  
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano  
Supervisor Pete McHugh, County of Santa Clara, *Chair*  
Mayor Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek

*Staff Present:*

Patricia Jones – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha – ABAG

**1. Introductions:** Chair Supervisor Pete McHugh opened the meeting at 3:40.

**2. Minutes:** November 15, 2007, minutes were approved.

**3. Election of 2008 L&GO Chair and Vice Chair**

Santa Clara County Supervisor Pete McHugh was unanimously elected L&GO chair for a second year. Novato Councilmember Carole Dillon Knutson was also elected to serve again as Vice Chair.

**4. Legislative Priorities for 2008 Legislative Session**

The Committee reviewed and approved its priorities and strategies for the 2008 Legislative Session which were presented in matrix format. Under Priority 1: “Support legislative policies that embody smart growth principles,” the issue of mobile homes/manufactured housing was included in bill areas to be tracked.

It was noted that the Legislative Priorities’ matrix also specified those legislative areas where ABAG will partner with MTC. It was also emphasized that more discussions with MTC and collaboration with Bay Area Air Quality Management District and BCDC will be pursued as legislation is introduced.

**5. 2008 Legislative Session Bills for Consideration**

It was reported that carry-over bills were at this juncture still being discussed in the 2008 legislative session, with hearings and major amendments expected. Because of budget concerns and financial constraints, the introduction of new bills has been slow. The Committee reviewed the following carry-over bills and last year’s positions:

**AB 94 Levine:Renewable Energy—Committee Changed position of Watch to “NO Position.”** This bill has now become a Committee on Utilities and Commerce Bill addressing technical, non substantive changes. It is considered a code clean-up bill. The Committee asked Staff to follow-up with Bay Area local jurisdictions with their own utilities and power and apprise them of the bill.

**SB 303 Ducheny:** Local Government Housing

**Oppose**

No changes have been made as yet to this bill. Hearings and more discussion is looked for. It continues to be opposed because of its unnecessary additional local planning mandates and lack of support for infill development.

**SB 375 Steinberg:** Transportation Planning: Improved Travel Models—Sustainable Communities Strategy—Environmental Review

**Committee Changed Watch position to “Support if amended.”**

ABAG, MTC, CSAC, League of California Cities, CalCOG, SCAG, and others continue to work with the bill authors on amendments. The Committee approved changing to a “Support if amended position,” because many amendments have been made already-- taking out mandates and making many provisions voluntary.

**SB 732 Steinberg:** Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Food Control, River and Coastal protection Bond Act of 2006—Sustainable Communities Council

**Support**

This bill remains on the inactive list and no changes have been made. Because this bill identifies potential incentives and grant opportunities for Regional Blueprint Plans and infill development, the Committee will continue a support position.

**Under Open Agenda:** three bills were brought to the Committee’s attention for their consideration at the next L&GO meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>:

AB 842 on Regional Plans: Traffic Reduction—Housing Bond Implementation

ACA 10 on Bonded Indebtedness—Local Government: Transportation Infrastructure

AB 1634 on California Healthy Pets Act

**6. 2008 Legislative Reception in Sacramento**

Report on planning and logistics for the Legislative Reception on January 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Sacramento Sheraton Grand was given by staff. MTC, the League, CSAC, and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District have joined ABAG as sponsors. Invitations were sent to all state legislators with 7 legislators immediately responding they would attend.

Reception program will include recognition of Legislators who have served the region’s priorities and needs well, and all attendees will receive a flash drive with a powerpoint on ABAG programs, services, and legislative priorities.

**6. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. *The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2008.*